

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:48 p.m., June 24, 1997.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman H. Davis Ballard; Vice Mayor Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilwoman Linda Kochendarfer; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Staff absent: City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV.

Mayor Shelton opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On behalf of City Council and the City of Bedford, Mayor Shelton presented certificates to the following individuals and organizations for recognition for service to the community during the recent visit of Deputy Mayor Philippe Ygouf and his wife of Vierville-sur-Mer, France:

Richard Burrow, Barbara Ring, Steven Downey, Linda Kochendarfer, Bob Wandrei, Jack Gross, Dianne Flake, Jay Scudder, Fran Hart, Randy Nixon, Roy Stevens, Ray Nance, Kathy Kabath, Capt. Sam Taylor, Danny and Nancy Johnson, Julie Mayhew, Greg Scott, Helen Pope, Bedford Primary School, Linda Eastman, Ellen Wandrei, Jim Patterson, Rebecca Jackson-Clause, Bedford County Board of Supervisors, Bill Rolfe, Sue Gilbert, Lucille Boggess, Elizabeth Berry-Mosely, Charlene McFall, and W. D. Tharp and Kathy Tharp.

Mayor Shelton thanked members of Council for their enthusiasm and support of the twinning program.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on June 10, 1997, were approved as distributed.

Discussion ensued regarding a complaint by a local businessman concerning a loitering problem at his business and the possibility of the City having a loitering ordinance.

City Manager Gross indicated that the staff will research this matter.

Councilman Tharp asked if there is an ordinance regarding ill-kept properties. The City Manager briefly explained the procedure involved, and Mr. Gross will discuss this matter with Councilman Tharp.

Discussion ensued regarding setting a date for a joint meeting with the City School Board. The meeting was tentatively scheduled to be held during the week of July 21.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer asked for an update on the status of the dental clinic at Bedford Primary School.

The City Manager reported that the clinic has a temporary permit to be located there for the purpose of dealing with students and that a conditional use request has not been received.

Councilman Ballard asked about the strip of property between the Amoco Gas Station and the Bedford Public Library on N. Bridge Street

The City Manager stated the delay in completing the work on that property is being caused by the telephone

company not moving the poles.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: request from the City Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Department to block Bedford Avenue Extension from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., July 5 through July 10 for district softball tournaments.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council adopted the Consent Agenda.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council appointed Mr. Winston W. Burks, III, to the Regional Library Board for a four-year term expiring June 30, 2001.

On motion by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council appointed Mrs. Janice B. Martinez and Mrs. Peggy Sharpe-Thompson to the City School Board for three-year terms expiring June 30, 2000.

Mayor Shelton asked the City Manager to write a letter to Mr. David Keith thanking him for his interest in serving on the City School Board and asking him to continue his interest in the City School Board and other boards and commissions of the City.

City Manager Gross stated that Virginia's Region 2000, of which the City is a member jurisdiction, is completing an application for Regional Competitiveness Act funds under a state program developed to encourage efforts to strengthen regional cooperation. As a part of the application package, each locality's governing body must approve a resolution of prior to the July 1 deadline.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the preamble of the proposed resolution regarding Region 2000.

Vice Mayor Brookshier moved that Council adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Flood aye

Councilwoman Kochendarfer aye

Councilman Tharp aye

Councilman Wandrei aye

Councilman Ballard aye

Vice Mayor Brookshier aye

Mayor Shelton aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA, IN SUPPORT**

**OF VIRGINIA'S REGION 2000 PARTNERSHIP REQUEST  
FOR QUALIFICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE  
VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAM**

The City of Bedford has participated with the jurisdictions comprising this region, namely the Counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell, the Cities of Bedford and Lynchburg, and the Town of Altavista, in the formation of Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership, a Virginia nonstock, nonprofit corporation (the "Partnership"), and recognizes, and has agreed to participate in efforts to increase the regional competitiveness of, the region consisting of the abovementioned Counties, Cities and Town, (the "Region"). The Partnership will file a Request for Qualification (the "Request") for funding under the Regional Competitiveness Program (the "RCP") enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia in 1996. This resolution is adopted in furtherance of the Request under the RCP.

**RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia:

13. The City of Bedford, Virginia, recognizes and is a participant in the Region and the Partnership;
14. The Partnership is authorized to carry out the provisions of the RCP on behalf of the City of Bedford, Virginia; and
15. The City of Bedford, Virginia, approves the funding methodology of the Partnership, namely, that RCP funding for jurisdictions comprising the Region will be distributed by the Commonwealth of Virginia directly to the Partnership, for use as described in the Request by the Partnership in connection with the regional strategic economic development plan adopted by the Partnership for the benefit of the participating jurisdictions in the Region.

City Manager Gross stated the City and the National D-Day Memorial Foundation in September 1996 entered into an agreement for development of the National D-Day Memorial. Under the terms of that agreement, all properties needed for the memorial and the surrounding buffer zones will be acquired in the name of the City with funds provided by the Foundation. Mr. Gross said that closings under the options are to occur within 90 days of the date that each is exercised. The option on the Dinwiddie property expires if not exercised by June 30, 1997. The Foundation has notified the City that it is ready to proceed and has the necessary funds for purchase of the property.

Councilman Tharp moved that Council authorize the City Manager to exercise the option on the Dinwiddie property with funds provided by the National D-Day Memorial Foundation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ballard.

Councilman Wandrei indicated that he would abstain from voting as Mr. Dinwiddie is a business associate of his.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer stated that she would abstain from voting on this matter as she is an employee of the National D-Day Memorial Foundation.

The motion was then voted upon, five members voting aye, two members abstaining (Wandrei and Kochendarfer).

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.